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Feed Nova Scotia executive director Dianne Swinemar says the stocks are dwindling earlier than expected this year. Story, page 3.

# Seal industry at risk

## Feds vow to back Atlantic hunters in wake of EU's proposed ban

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### The sealing industry in the Atlantic Region could face some troubling times ahead.

The European Union yesterday proposed regulations to ban seal products.

"Seal products coming from countries which practise cruel hunting methods must not be allowed to enter the EU," said European Environment commissioner Stavros Dimas.

This includes products that travel through Europe to other countries importing seal products.

Robert Cahill, executive director of the Fur Institute of Canada, says sealers won't have a problem with the regulations as long as the EU sticks to the science of what's cruel and humane.

"It has to be based on science and the opinions of veterinarians rather than on how it looks," he said. "Because the killing of any animal doesn't look good."

If the regulations turn into an

all-out ban on seal products to the European Union, it will be "devastating" for Atlantic Canada and the sealing industry, he said.

Loyola Hearn, Canada's fisheries minister, said in a press release that the federal government will review how the proposed regulations will apply to Canada.

"Our position remains that any ban on a humanely conducted hunt, such as Canada's, is without cause," Hearn said.

He said adopting broad regulations to ban products from a responsible, sustainable and well-regulated hunt is a slippery slope.

"We will continue to stand up for sealers to protect the Canadian sealing industry and our markets," he said.

Paul Watson, founder of the American-based Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, who has made headlines with his crew for their aggressive protests of the Canadian seal hunt, said the news of the proposed ban is a victory for the seal population and will bring down the industry

### Facts about Canada's sealing industry

In relation to EU and non-EU countries

- Canada is one of Europe's top suppliers of seal pelts and seal products
- The country exported more than \$5 million worth of raw seal pelts to European Union countries in 2006
- Canada exported \$11 million worth of raw seal pelts to non-European Union countries in 2006; the biggest customer was Norway, which bought more than \$10 million worth of pelts
- South Korea bought more than \$600,000 worth of seal oil and meat from Canada in 2006
- European Union countries bought more than \$100,000 worth of seal oil and meat from Canada in 2006
- The biggest customer from the European Union was Italy, which bought \$94,000 worth of seal oil and meat



Director of Canadian Wildlife Issues with the Humane Society Rebecca Aldworth spoke out against the Canadian seal hunt in Halifax last February. Aldworth said the killing of the seals in Canada is cruel and inhumane.

in Canada.

There won't be any more market for seal products unless the killing of every seal is videotaped

and sent along with the pelt, he said.

"They have to provide proof," he said.





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**Tropical storm douses fire ban**

Thanks to tropical storm Cristobal, the province has ended its ban on open fires in the province. If you're having a fire within 305 metres of the woods, though, you need a provincial burning permit. **METRO HALIFAX**

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# Local



## Elton tickets for a good cause

Didn't get Elton John tickets? Francine Holloran is raffling a pair off as a fundraiser for the Weekend to End Breast Cancer, in memory of her sister Paula Campbell, who died of breast cancer. Raffle tickets are \$10; call 233-8225. **METRO HALIFAX**

**Crime****Scotiabank robber still on the lam**

**SUSPECT** Police are still seeking a man who robbed the Scotiabank on Spring Garden Road yesterday.

Police say a man walked up to a teller and demanded cash while showing what's believed to be a handgun at 2:20 p.m. He fled after receiving money. Police cordoned off part of Dresden Row because they believed the suspect entered a home, but he wasn't there. The suspect is described as a 20-something white man, about five-foot-seven with a medium build. **METRO HALIFAX**

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# Finding clarity on trash

City hires divers to pick up now-visible harbour garbage

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**There's just one problem with a cleaner harbour: you can see through the water to the garbage.**

HRM hired out a dive team on Monday to remove some of the junk lying underwater along the Halifax boardwalk from the NSP Electropolis building to Casino Nova Scotia.

"Since the water clarity has so much improved now with the (Harbour Solutions) project, they were just picking up a lot of the things you can see along the bottom," said James Campbell Harbour Solutions Project Manager.

"Things like pylons, grocery shopping carts, and beer kegs. Some could be fresh and some could be quite old."

It cost around \$5,000 for the cleanup.

Harbour water is now



A sampling of some of the garbage divers picked up on Monday when they cleaned up the waters along the Halifax waterfront.

safe enough to swim in, and some people have despite the cold, said Campbell.

"I've seen people in

there, they're hardy," he said.

An official reopening of two life-guard supervised beaches is scheduled for

Aug. 2. Black Rock Beach at Point Pleasant Park and Dingle Park Beach on the Northwest Arm will once again be open for business.

## Food bank needs help

**SUPPLIES** The food bank is hungry.

Feed Nova Scotia's stocks are dwindling and the agency is asking the public for help.

"They're lower than is comfortable," executive director Dianne Swinemar says. "People tend not to think about food bank and hunger relief organizations in the summertime, but our need is constant."

Feed Nova Scotia usually experiences a drop in donations in the summer, but Swinemar says it happened earlier than expected this year, likely due to high gas prices and rising food costs.

Swinemar says the low stock isn't at a crisis point, but a reminder for people not to forget to donate.

"We still have a lot of hungry people coming to the doors looking for food."

The agency is looking for non-perishables such as canned meat, pasta, soup and fruit. Call 457-1900 to initiate a food drive.

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Mary Wile is re-offering for Halifax regional council. Wile, a former schoolteacher and small business owner, was first elected as Clayton Park councillor in 2004. The municipal election will be held Oct. 18. **METRO HALIFAX**

# Spring Garden a walker's haven?

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Last Saturday, at the end of the Jazz Festival, Spring Garden Road was shut down for car traffic and opened up to walkers.

It's something we could be seeing a lot more of.

News of construction on Spring Garden Road to make it more pedestrian-friendly has brought up questions of whether Halifax should do what many other cities do — ban vehicles from some central urban streets.

Many cities, particularly in Europe, close streets for designated times — such as Sundays, evenings or summer months. It often leads to more people flooding into the area.

"It's a fantastic idea," said Andy Fillmore, urban design project manager for HRM.

"Closing streets on a temporary basis is exactly the kind of thing that progressive, smart, artful cities are doing all around the world. We need to do it more and we need to streamline the process."

Fillmore said HRM By Design calls for street closures to be made more



Spring Garden Road is scheduled to be revamped, and could one day be opened up only to walkers on a regular basis.

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Andy Fillmore, urban design project manager

common, particularly on Spring Garden and nearby Argyle Street. He says the key is planning. If the clo-

sures take place on a reliable schedule people can plan around them.

People on or around Spring Garden Road yesterday had wide-ranging opinions on the plan.

"I like the idea of it being more for patios and people walking and riding their bikes," said Todd

Chapman. "It's nice to have those little pockets in the city where it's just for people."

But Shwaan Hutton didn't think it was practical to shut down Spring Garden Road because it's such a busy artery of transportation.

"I feel like (Argyle Street) would be a better candi-

date just because the flow of traffic isn't so necessary for day-to-day travel," she said.

Fillmore said the planners are only looking at temporary closures, not blocking out cars full-time. He said that sort of move would require lots of population growth and be a long way off.

## Multi-million dollar makeover

'Tired looking' street to get fresh look

• Spring Garden Road will undergo a multi-million dollar makeover next summer to make it more pedestrian-friendly.

• Sidewalks will be expanded into the street by up to four feet, while dangling power lines will be moved underground. Construction is expected to carry on from next May to September and cost up to \$3 million.

• "We're trying to emphasize it as a destination. It's a wonderful street as it exists, it's just the sidewalks and everything, it's kind of tired looking. We can do better than having overhead wires in a very urban context like that," said Barry Yanchyshyn, landscape architect for Halifax Regional Municipality.

• Yanchyshyn said in the re-

vamped Spring Garden Road the parking spots will be removed, the walkways will be wider and there will be more room for things like sidewalk patios.

• "We're delighted about it. We've been waiting for it since the 60s," said Bernie Smith, president of the Spring Garden Area Business Association. "We hopefully can make Spring Garden a much more people-friendly place than it is now."

• Narrower streets could pose some problems for restaurants and bars that unload products from trucks through their front doors. But Yanchyshyn said possible solutions include designating early morning hours as loading times, or moving them to side streets.

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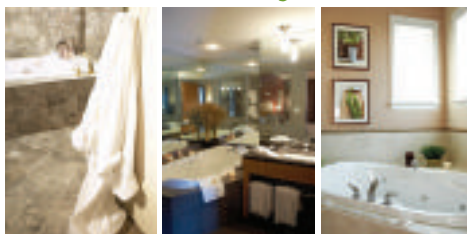
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## Suspects sought in bar fight

**DARTMOUTH** A bar fight turned ugly at the Woodside Tavern in Dartmouth Tuesday night.

At around 10:30 p.m., a suspect started arguing with a staff member and a customer intervened. The suspect, with a friend, followed the customer out of the bar. When they got outside, they allegedly started beating the customer.

Two other people came

out of the bar and one tried to help the victim, but was allegedly punched in the face and knocked to the ground for his trouble.

Then one of the suspects allegedly pulled a gun, demanded money, grabbed \$20 and the two left.

Police are looking for a 5'2" tall white man, who is about 20 years old, and a 6'3" tall man who has a possible last name of Crocker.

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## News in brief

**CROSSING GUARD PINNED** A crossing guard was struck and pinned by a vehicle in Spryfield yesterday morning. A truck was making a right turn at the intersection of Rockingstone Drive and Leiblin Drive with the permission of the guard. The big truck didn't have a lot of room and jammed the back of the truck against the guard's legs, pinning her to the guard rail. Police say she was treated for non-life threatening injuries and they are investigating.

truck in the garage.

### STORAGE UNITS YIELD CACHE

Two searches in Dartmouth yielded drugs, weapons and contraband cigarettes Tuesday night. Police searched two rental storage units on Green Village Land and Thornhill Drive. Cocaine, marijuana, ecstasy, handguns, a shot gun and ammunition were seized.

**FALL RIVER VANDALISM** A dentist's office and a school were vandalized in Fall River Tuesday night or early yesterday morning. Someone smashed a window and cut down two trees at the dentist's office. Four windows were smashed at the George P. Vanier school. The school's side door was also opened.

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## Province promotes wood-related goods

The province is putting out a new forestry directory called From Our Atlantic Woods. It'll promote everything from maple syrup to berry wines, wood furniture, and eco-tourism. For more information, call 1-866-226-7577. **METRO HALIFAX**

# Schrader pleads guilty to sex assault charges

Will undergo sexual offender assessment before October sentencing

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**Douglas James Roy Schrader yesterday pleaded guilty to charges of fondling women's breasts on four different occasions and masturbating in public.**

He was arrested Jun. 25 and charged with four counts of sexual assault and two counts of committing an indecent act.

During the months of May and June, the 22-year-old Dartmouth resident reportedly approached four different women at different times in the south end of Halifax and grabbed their breasts.

In another instance, he knocked on a woman's apartment door and when she opened it, masturbated in front of her.

In a recent interview before entering his plea, Schrader told Metro he was on drugs at the time of the incidents.

He said he had bought some pills from a friend and took them five times.

Four of the five times were when the sexual assaults occurred, he said.

Schrader said the way he acted during this time was "the complete opposite" of the kind of person he really is.

"I would go up to people — even guys — and think



Douglas James Roy Schrader, 22, pleaded guilty to all charges against him yesterday in provincial court. He was arrested Jun. 25 and charged with sexual assault and indecent acts after grabbing the breasts of four different women in south-end Halifax and masturbating in public.

they're my friends and try to hang off them and people would push me away," he said.

Crown attorney Christine Driscoll said Schrader will undergo a sexual offender assessment sometime in September before

he returns to court for a sentencing hearing on Oct. 23.

"With someone like Mr Schrader, who's somewhat unusual in that he doesn't have a lengthy record and there are so many charges, we really

want to see what's going on with him and what's leading to the behaviour," she said.

She said the Crown will reserve comment on whether or not they will look for jail time for Schrader, until the sexual

offender assessment and pre-sentence report are complete.

Schrader has a criminal record dating back to 2004 with convictions for theft, mischief, breaching probation and fraud under \$5,000.

## Woman upset as dog bites dog

**FIGHT** Spike was the underdog, literally, in this fight.

Beverlee Conrad was walking her Maltese dog, Spike, near her home in Lower Sackville yesterday afternoon. She stopped to talk to a mother and child when a large dog, which she said looked like a smaller version of a pit bull, ran up.

"He sniffed noses with Spike, then all of a sudden he attacked him," she said.

The big dog knocked down the nine-and-a-half-pound Spike twice, and bit it on the hind leg.

"I whacked it on the head with my dog's leash," she said.

"I was terrified, there's no other word for it." Spike was rattled, but not too hurt.

The owner of the other dog didn't say anything to Conrad, she said, when he came to grab the dog.

Conrad said she called animal control about the other dog.

"It was scary for (Spike) and scary for me," she said.

JENNIFER TAPLIN/METRO HALIFAX

## Cape Breton club suffers fire again

**SYDNEY** A popular place for recreational activities such as darts and shuffleboard was set ablaze early Tuesday morning.

Fire officials arrived at the City Club located on York Street in Sydney at approximately 4 a.m. to extinguish a deliberately set fire.

This is the second fire to be set at the one-storey building in less than a few weeks, said Deputy Fire Chief Richard Bulley.

Three fire crews from the Cape Breton Regional Fire Service extinguished the fire, though the structure received considerable damage and may have to be torn down.

"The inspector is looking at the situation," said Bulley. "If it's deemed unsafe structurally, then it will be have to be torn down."

Fire officials believe the fire started on the outside of the building.

THE CAPE BRETON POST

## \$5.6M for East Hants Sportsplex

**DONATION** Community members fundraising for the expansion of the East Hants Sportsplex got a donation from the province yesterday.

Barry Barnett, Minister of Health Promotion and Protection, announced his department is contributing \$5.632 million towards the \$16.9-million project.

The municipality is chipping in \$3.5 million and the community is working on fundraising the rest.

It will pay for a new ice rink, a community room, plus a multi-purpose field-house for sports like soccer and rugby.

The current building, built in 1993, has one rink, a multi-purpose room and a women's fitness centre.

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# Local apple tech not worming its way into provincial market

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**STORAGE** It's apple technology invented and manufactured here — and sold around the world — but local apple growers won't go near it.

Robert Prange with the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, invented a system to store apples up to eight months instead of the traditional two or three without chemicals.

"What we want to do is find that lowest possible oxygen, allowing us to store fruits and vegetables longer than we normally would," said Prange in a phone in-

terview from Kentville yesterday.

It involves sealing a specialized room, flushing in nitrogen gas to lower the oxygen levels to below one per cent instead of the normal 21 per cent. A single room — which costs between \$10,000 and \$15,000 — can hold between 300 and 1,000 bins of apples or pears. A sensor monitors the room and the apples to ensure the oxygen level is just right.

For apple growers it means they have five more months to sell the product or ship it.

The sensor system is manufactured by Halifax firm Satlantic Inc., and licensed to a European company called Isolcell Inc. It's in use in storage facilities in Europe, the U.S., and New Zealand, but not Nova Scotia.

"I'd like to know (why)," Prange said. "I think the advantage of this system is

something they don't see."

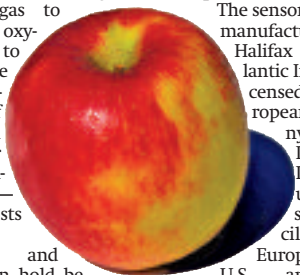
It uses only a controlled atmosphere, instead of chemicals, to store the apples and that could be the problem, he said.

"The local industry has not adopted that (organic) attitude," he said.

Local apple packers tend to use a combination of a controlled atmosphere and fungicide to store apples for around one year.

Michael Van Meekeren with Glooscap Apples said they haven't used Prange's HarvestWatch system, but feel it has a place in the industry, especially in Europe.

It's just not cost effective for them to switch their storage system, he said.



## News in brief

**DEVELOPMENT** A proposed development with was given the green light by North West Community Council. The Sunset Ridge subdivision lands encompass about 70 acres in Middle Sackville. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Gimli, Man. hosted a celebration yesterday to honour retired pilot Bob Pearson, who 25 years ago safely landed an Air Canada 767 that had run out of fuel while flying from Ottawa to Edmonton in the small Manitoba town. None of the 69 people on board were injured. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Canada



## Dion eyes fall election

Canadians are increasingly in the mood for a federal election this fall, says Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion, left. But it may be another election — the U.S. presidential contest — that will also help the Liberals in any looming electoral battle here, Dion says.

### News in brief

**BYELECTIONS** Prime Minister Stephen Harper is expected to announce three byelections as soon as today or tomorrow. The Guelph and Montreal riding of Westmount-Ville-Marie are the bye-elections to watch, since these ridings are important to Liberals. Another bye-election will be called in St. Lambert, formerly held by Max Kotto of the Bloc Québécois.

**TASER** The suspected thief who died after being Tasered by Winnipeg police was a cornered 17-year-old who refused orders to drop his knife, police said yesterday.

**GUNS** Alberta MLA Kent Hehr, who was left a quadriplegic after a 1991 random shooting, wants gun laws to go further — as far as seizing cars from gang members carrying weapons. Hehr has been a strong advocate against guns.

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## Oil-rich Arctic sparks debate

Developing the huge amounts of newly assessed Arctic oil and natural gas reserves amounts to "playing with fire as far as nature is concerned," says the head of a Canadian citizens' group.

Tony Clarke, executive director of the Ottawa-based Polaris Institute, was commenting on yesterday's report by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) estimating the area north of the Arctic Circle has 90 billion barrels of "technically recoverable" oil and 1,670 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. It was the first-ever assessment of the entire area north of the Arctic Circle.

At yesterday's press conference, scientists said more than half of the oil reserves occur in only three

**"It feeds into an already out-of-control industry."**

Andrea Harden-Donahue

geologic provinces — Arctic Alaska, the Amerasia Basin and the East Greenland Rift Basin.

Yesterday, Andrea Harden-Donahue, energy campaigner for the Council of Canadians in Ottawa, emphasized the need for social and environmental impact before "rushing into an energy gold rush."

"It feeds into an already out-of-control industry with the concerns of the public and the environment secondary," she said.

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### Edmonton Cooper memorial



Jeff Rentz, brother of slain Nancy Cooper, listens to memorial service while holding two children yesterday at a church in Edmonton. The 34-year-old Cooper, who lived in Cary, N.C. but was born in the Edmonton area, was found dead two days after she went missing while jogging.

JEFF RENTZ/METRO EDMONTON

## CBC adds Chinese website

**JOYCE YIP**  
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**LANGUAGE** Canada's national public broadcaster launched a Chinese news website yesterday.

CBC British Columbia, in association with Radio Canada International (RCI), became this country's first major broadcaster to introduce a news site that features up to 18 local, national and international stories in simplified and traditional Chinese.

The Chinese population in Canada has grown more than 18 per cent in the past decade, according to a 2006 Statistics Canada report. In Richmond, B.C., 44 per cent of residents are of Chinese descent.



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**Bloomberg, Gates pledge \$375 million to fight smoking**

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates pledged \$375 million US yesterday to fight what they called a global tobacco epidemic. The billionaires said the money would go to anti-smoking groups in developing countries. **REUTERS**

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# World/Business

## Karadzic to defend himself

Former Serb leader accused of genocide, war crimes

**Radovan Karadzic will conduct his own defence at the Hague tribunal and is convinced he will be cleared of charges of genocide, relatives and associates of the war crimes suspect said yesterday**

Karadzic, leader of the Bosnian Serbs in the 1992-95 Bosnia war, was arrested in Serbia on Monday after 11 years on the run.

He was one of three remaining war crimes fugitives from the Yugoslav wars, their arrest a condition for Serbia to move towards European Union membership.

He is now in a Belgrade prison awaiting extradition to The Hague, which could come this weekend.

Karadzic's lawyer in Serbia, Svetozar Vujacic, said his client was in good mental and physical condition. He was not talking to investigators, but "defending himself with silence."

"He is going to have a legal team in Serbia but will



Supporters of Partizan Belgrade wave a flag with Radovan Karadzic's picture during a friendly soccer match against Olympique Lyonnais in Belgrade yesterday.

defend himself during his trial at The Hague."

Karadzic is twice indicted for genocide for the massacre of 8,000 Bosnian Muslims in the town of Srebrenica in 1995 and for

the 43-month siege of Sarajevo.

Some 11,000 people died in the city from sniper fire, mortar attacks, starvation and illness.

Karadzic had wanted

Serb areas of Bosnia to be linked to Serbia and other Serb-dominated areas at a time when Slobodan Milosevic was fanning nationalism in Serbia.

**REUTERS**

## Obama looks to reassure Israelis

**WEST BANK** U.S. Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama assured Israel and its U.S. Jewish supporters yesterday he



Barack Obama

was a friend who would not press for peace concessions that would compromise its security.

Hailing Israel as a "miracle,"

he vowed staunch support and held only a low-profile meeting with Palestinian leaders in the occupied West Bank.

Obama, seeking to allay wariness among some U.S. Jewish voters about his policy towards Israel, flew to Sderot, a town hit by rockets fired from the Hamas-run Gaza Strip, saying he hoped to bring peace but would not dictate the terms of a deal.

Obama brushed aside critics who fear he may pressure Israel to make concessions.

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## Questions remain over vice-presidents

**AMERICA** After months of secrecy and intrigue, presidential rivals Barack Obama and John McCain are almost ready to unveil the winners in the vice-presidential sweepstakes.

In the next few weeks, both candidates will end the suspense of a cat-and-mouse selection game that has been conducted with rare discipline and infrequent leaks.

Democrat Obama is rumoured to be considering

### Press battle

A report Monday that McCain would announce his choice this week in order to upstage Obama's overseas trip ignited a frenzy of speculation, which the Arizona senator's aides were happy to keep alive with a series of "no comment" responses.

rival Hillary Clinton but it is also thought he might turn to an ally and friend

who heads a battleground state like Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine

Republican McCain appears ready to tap former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, who seemed to annoy him so often during their primary battle but has since become a steady surrogate. But time is running out on the process, which must conclude both by their party conventions this Fall.

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### News in brief

**WEATHER** Hurricane Dolly left more than 122,800 electric customers without power in South Texas yesterday evening after the storm made landfall in South Texas. Dolly's winds have reached 100 mph.

**JAPAN EARTHQUAKE** A strong earthquake jolted northern Japan late yesterday, injuring at least 76 people, trapping hundreds in halted trains and temporarily cutting off electric power to thousands of homes. Officials said there was no threat of a tsunami from the 6.8 quake.

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### Business

## Gas, food price hikes wipe out wage gains

**INFLATION** Soaring fuel and food costs caused consumer prices to shoot up in June — marking the largest surge in inflation in nearly three years and effectively erasing the bulk of wage gains earned by Canadians over the last year.

Statistics Canada reported that consumer prices rose by 3.1 per cent in the 12 months ending in June

2008. In contrast, average hourly wages rose 4.4 per cent during that same period. Economists said that means Canadians are only being paid about 1.3 per cent more per hour than they were last year.

Statistics Canada said gasoline prices climbed 26.9 per cent between June 2007 and June 2008.

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### THE DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

#### Radio stations exchange:

Newfoundland Capital Corporation said its subsidiary, Newcap Inc., along with Rogers Broadcasting Limited have agreed to exchange radio stations. Newcap will exchange its CFDR AM broadcast licence in Halifax for Rogers' CIGM AM licence in Sudbury, Ont., and cash consideration of \$5.0 million.

#### Fears unfounded:

Fears by local campground owners over a potentially disastrous season have proven unfounded so far. Soaring gas prices and an on-again Canadian dollar have caused some owners to worry about fewer American and western-Canadian visitors.

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The Utah Jazz acquired veteran point guard Brevin Knight from the Los Angeles Clippers yesterday in exchange for guard Jason Hart. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Sports

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## Bruins set to cut Murray loose

**NHL** The Boston Bruins placed veteran forward Glen Murray on waivers yesterday.

Originally selected 18th overall by the Bruins in the 1991 NHL Entry Draft, Murray, 35, registered 17 goals and 13 assists in 63 games last season.

A native of Halifax, Murray has 337 goals and 314 assists in 1,009 career regular-season games with Boston, Pittsburgh and Los Angeles.

## Ducks give Carlyle contract extension

**NHL** The Anaheim Ducks signed head coach Randy Carlyle to a two-year contract extension yesterday.

Carlyle, who now remains under contract with Anaheim through the 2010-11 campaign, has compiled a 138-74-34 record as head coach with the Ducks.

The 52-year-old Carlyle was named head coach of Anaheim in August 2005.

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# Canadian golfers feel the heat

Wait continues for another homegrown champ as Open gets underway

**After battling punishing conditions at the British Open, Canadians Mike Weir and Stephen Ames face another daunting challenge in trying to end a 54-year drought for home players at the Canadian Open.**

No Canadian has claimed the national championship since Pat Fletcher in 1954, leaving Weir, Ames and 17 other Canadian contenders trying to wrestle the title away from back-to-back winner Jim Furyk at the Glen Abbey golf course starting today.

Weir, the 2003 Masters champion from Bright's Grove, Ont., came tantalizingly close to ending the dry spell the last time the Canadian Open was staged on the par 71, 7,273-yard Jack Nicklaus designed layout in 2004 but came up just short after losing to Fiji's Vijay Singh in a playoff.

## Open facts

- Course: Glen Abbey Golf Club, Oakville, Ont.
- Purse: \$5 million (US).
- Defending champion: Jim Furyk.
- The 156-player field includes 19 Canadians.

"I remember (in 2004) that everybody was very excited," Weir told reporters. "I was in contention, and Canada was playing for the gold in the world (hockey) championships. So there was a different atmosphere than a normal golf tournament."

"But it was a special feeling."

"I was really disappointed. What can I say? I've had plenty of those in my career. That was right up there with a number of them."

"You live and learn and



Mike Weir of Bright's Grove, Ont., signs autographs during his Pro-Am round yesterday at the Canadian Open at Glen Abbey Golf Club in Oakville, Ont.

go on. That's four years ago. I don't think about it much anymore, and I'm going to try to win this week."

Furyk, the highest ranked

player in the field at No. 10, is bidding to become the first player to win three consecutive Canadian Opens and his first title of

the season, but has found little success at the Abbey finishing no better than a tie for 22nd in four previous starts.

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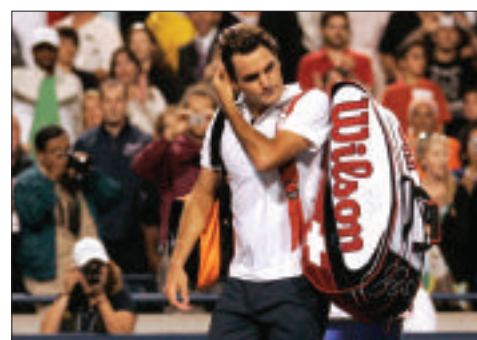
## Federer ousted at Rogers Cup

**TENNIS** Roger Federer's troubled season continued when he followed his crushing loss in the Wimbledon final with a shock defeat by Frenchman Gilles Simon at the Rogers Cup last night in Toronto.

Back on court for the first time since his five-set loss to Rafael Nadal at the All-England Club, the world No. 1 appeared ready to take out his disappointment on Simon by winning the first four games on the way to the opening set.

But Simon, riding the momentum from his championship win in Indianapolis on Sunday, refused to buckle under the pressure, battling back to beat the 12-time grand slam winner 2-6 7-5 6-4 and reach the third round.

It was the first time Federer had lost his opening



Roger Federer of Switzerland leaves the court after being defeated by Gilles Simon of France last night at the Rogers Cup tennis tournament in Toronto.

match in a tournament since falling to Briton Andy Murray in Dubai in March.

"The hard court season just started so it is not the end of the world but I wish I could have started bet-

ter," Federer told reporters. "I like this surface, I like this tournament, I have done well in the past here so it definitely hurts."

"I have to regroup and look forward."

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## Sports in brief

**NFL** Denver Broncos wide receiver Rod Smith has scheduled a press conference for this afternoon to announce his retirement, according to the Rocky Mountain News.

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**MLB** Veteran outfielder Jay Gibbons is on the path back to the big leagues, after signing a minor league deal with the Milwaukee Brewers. The Baltimore Orioles released him in March.

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**MLB** The Chicago Cubs activated outfielder Alfonso Soriano from the 15-day disabled list yesterday. The star outfielder returns to action exactly six weeks to the day after fracturing in his left hand.

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## Soccer

Nova Scotia's under-16 girls followed up an opening-day victory by tying Quebec 1-1 yesterday at the Canadian all-star soccer championships in Sherwood Park, Alta. The under-16 boys lost 4-0 to Alberta in Longueuil, Que. **METRO HALIFAX**

# Rainmen lay foundation for '09

Team officials begin long task of gathering pieces for first year in Premier League

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## The Halifax Rainmen are on the hunt for star power.

Co-owner Andre Levinston and head coach Rick Lewis will be in Chicago this weekend to scout prospects at the first of several Premier Basketball League tryout combines.

"I'm lookin' for a star, that's for sure," Levinston said. "If you can get a big stud and then surround him with some other good players, you've got an opportunity to win."

Several hundred prospects are expected to participate in Saturday's combine. As many as 25 will be selected and placed in a pool for the PBL lottery draft on Oct. 3.

The draft order won't be set until the fall, but the expansion Rainmen could end up with a high pick because of their 12-20 American Basketball Association record last season.

"It's a great idea that they're having a draft," said Levinston, who handles the Rainmen's general management duties. "It makes it that much more interesting and brings excitement to the PBL brand. They've done a tremendous job."

A unique PBL rule allows teams to apply for fran-

chise-player designations.

Franchise players don't count toward the salary cap, and the league subsidizes their contracts.

The mechanism helps teams attract star-calibre talent.

**"If you can get a big stud and then surround him with some other good players, you've got an opportunity to win."**

Andre Levinston

players not at the combine via free agency, and have first crack at players — such as Brian Silverhorn — who were on their ABA roster last season.

Silverhorn, a high-scoring

6-foot-6 swingman, is one of Levinston's top signing priorities.

Levinston also might have the inside track on 6-foot-11 post Chris Hunter, a Michigan Wolverines grad who averaged nearly 10 points per game as a freshman and sophomore.

Both have been working out with Lewis in recent months.

"Hunter is coming along well and Silverhorn is a

guy we'd love to have back next season," Levinston said.



The Halifax Rainmen will likely look very different when the team hits the court next season.

Levinston's blueprint involves landing more talent from the NCAA Division 1

ranks. He doesn't expect to bring in former NBA players or many Division 2 prospects.

"Halifax isn't a place where guys are going to come and get rich, so you're not going to get guys who played in the NBA," Levinston said. "You're going to get guys from Division 1 who need development and exposure."

Since the PBL schedule doesn't begin until January, he has plenty of time to make roster decisions.

"We're not rushin' it," Levinston said. "We're out here, looking at a lot of players, and we definitely want to improve from last year and bring in a higher level of talent."

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## Local volleyball stars ready for 'showcase'

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**VOLEYBALL** Nova Scotia's teenaged volleyball talents will showcase their skills on home court in Halifax this weekend.

The provincial 19-and-under and 18-and-under teams will compete in the National Team Challenge Cup — the Canadian 19-and-under championship — at The Tower and Sexton gyms starting today, as the event makes a rare trip east.

Eugene Tan, head coach of the provincial 19-and-under squad, calls it a "showcase" for his players.

"The guys who want to play university ball who don't have a place to play yet, it's a great chance to showcase their skills," he said. "There will be coaches from across the country. The elite players may have something lined up, but for the next level of player, it's a great chance to find a place to play."

More Nova Scotians are getting exposure with two teams in the tournament. Typically, the NTCC is held in Quebec, Ontario or Western Canada, and only one team attends.

Nova Scotia's 18-and-unders open the tournament today at 1 p.m. at The Tower, while the 19-and-unders get things started at 3 p.m. at the same location. The gold- and bronze-medal games are Sunday at 5 p.m. at The Tower.

Among the players to watch are centre Daniel Rogers, a New Minas native who plays at the University of Guelph, and outside hitter Andrew Acker of Kingston. Power hitter Drew Stephens of Halifax is another player to watch.

"I was looking at the history and I don't think our teams have ever finished above seventh," said Tan. "I think this team could be fifth or sixth, and might crack the top four with a little bit of luck. We'd be happy with a top-five finish."



## Sports in brief

**GOLF** Bedford's Irene Jung sits third at the CN Future Links Atlantic junior girls golf championship in Bathurst, N.B. The Links at Penn Hills wized carded a 12-over-par 84 yesterday at the Gowan Brae Golf Club in the second round of the 52-hole tournament to sit seven strokes off the lead. Justice M. Durland of Oakville,

Ont., grabbed top spot with a 5-over 77, good for a two-day total of 157. In the junior boys tournament, Digby's Eric Locke of Eden is holding a two-stroke lead after carding back-to-back 1-over 73s. Eric Banks of Truro is in second, two strokes off the lead.

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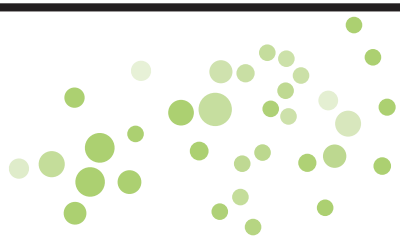
**BASKETBALL** East Preston's Justine Colley scored nine points in Canada's 67-47 thumping of Brazil at the FIBA Americas under-18 basketball championship yesterday in Buenos Aires. The 5-foot-9 guard, a two-time metro high school MVP with the Halifax Grammar Gryphons, went 3-for-5 from the field and added three re-

bounds and a steal in 15 minutes. Abbey Duinker, a 6-foot-2 post player from Cambridge Station, played a team-low two minutes in the victory. On tap for Canada today is the United States, which dominated Venezuela 112-49 yesterday. The tournament concludes on Sunday.

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# Beijing Games

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## Banned sprinter named to team

Katerina Thanou, banned for doping violations at the 2004 Olympics, has been included in Greece's squad for the Beijing Games but whether the sprinter will run remains to be seen.

With the deadline for qualifying set for yesterday, Thanou, who failed a drug test on the eve of the Athens Games, will have her place on the Hellenic Olympic Committee's squad confirmed.

"Since we have still not heard from her and the qualification deadline ends tonight with no contender for Thanou's 100m spot, she is included in our official Olympic team," an AOC official said yesterday.

Thanou is not the only formerly banned athlete to qualify.

Hungarian discus thrower Robert Fazekas qualified late on Tuesday.

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## Tomorrow's lineup

**FREE SPEECH** Will the media finally enjoy the "complete freedom" Beijing organizers publicly promised? Pick up tomorrow's Metro for more.

**14** days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

# Kayaker to carry flag

Van Koeeverden, 26, will lead Team Canada into opening ceremonies

**Kayaker Adam van Koeeverden carried the flag in the closing ceremonies for Canada at the 2004 Athens Olympics. Now, he'll be carrying the Maple Leaf back into the stadium for the 2008 Beijing Games.**

Van Koeeverden was announced yesterday morning at a news conference in Montreal as Canada's flag bearer at the opening ceremonies at the Aug. 8-24 Beijing Summer Olympics. The Canadian team was officially announced yesterday at two news conferences.

"I don't see it so much as leading but as representing," van Koeeverden said via satellite from his local club in Oakville. "We're all marching in together. Everybody's a leader."

Judoka Nicolas Gill carried the Canadian flag at

**"I'm more than honoured and privileged. It fills me with so much pride to (carry the flag)."**

Adam van Koeeverden

the opening ceremonies at the 2004 Summer Games in Athens. Hockey player Danielle Goyette was the Canadian flag-bearer at the 2006 Winter Games in Turin, Italy.

"I'm more than honoured and privileged. It fills me with so much pride to (carry the flag)," said van Koeeverden. "I can't wait."

Van Koeeverden had too strong a résumé to be ignored and was chosen over a group of other possible candidates that included equestrian Ian Millar of Perth, Ont., who at 61 is



Adam van Koeeverden will be carrying the Maple Leaf back into the stadium for the 2008 Games.

competing in a record-tying ninth Olympics; diver Alexandre Despatie of Montreal, an Olympic silver medalist and former world champion; and triathlete Simon Whitfield, the 2000 Sydney Olympic champion.

Van Koeeverden will be Canada's best medal hope in Beijing, as the reigning Olympic and world champion, as well as world record holder in the men's K-1 500 metres. He has been a force on the World Cup this season, winning five of six races (three in the K-1 500, two in the K-1, 1,000), and capturing a bronze in the other K-1, 1,000.

The 26-year-old from the Burloak Canoe Club in Oakville, Ont., also has the kind of attitude that the COC is hoping will be instilled in athletes as they move towards the 2010 Vancouver Olympics and beyond. Asked about the pressure of competing for Canada, van Koeeverden's response was: "Bring it on."

"You should be stressed out about racing for Canada," he said earlier this year. "People are watching. You should perform. It's your job to perform. It's your job to run 100 metres or throw a javelin or paddle a kayak."

Van Koeeverden is well re-

spected among his peers. Among those who were pulling for him to get the job of flag bearer was Clara Hughes, the only Canadian to ever win medals in both the winter and summer Olympics. She will likely be a top candidate for the honour at the 2010 Games.

"I think he is the perfect choice because he is an athlete not afraid to put himself on the line — anywhere, any time, against anyone," said Hughes. "His energy, drive and confidence is the perfect mix for the athlete leading the Canadian team into the Beijing Olympics."

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## Canadian athletes named

The Canadian Olympic Committee also unveiled the team that will compete in Beijing yesterday.

Some 331 athletes will represent Canada compared to 265 who competed at Athens.

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# Metro Homes



## Bright idea

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## Exotic elements

Urban space transforms into lush landscape

Once upon a time, a string of plastic Tiki lights could pass for tropical outdoor décor. But those days are long over. In fact, achieving an exotic-flavoured landscape nowadays is more of an exercise in winnowing out the many style elements on the market that only tangentially relate to the desired look. Stick to dark-stained wood furniture and structures and overscale planters, then add subtle touches like a low-key water feature and a Buddha made from stone or wood. Take a pass on cushions or other textiles that are overly bright or loud (kitschy palm-tree prints are definitely not what you're after). When it comes to plants, the bigger, the better — fast-growing, large-leaved banana plants are increasingly available from local nurseries, and look great in containers.

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Above, the San Cristobal from Summerwood Products is an elegant structure that can be used as a gazebo, home office, cabana, spa enclosure and more. The company offers prefab kits built to specification for a variety of outdoor structures; see [www.summerwood.ca](http://www.summerwood.ca).



Left: look for Buddha heads or statues in wood or stone — metal versions can be a bit too jarring for this look. Below, the Bali Tea House from Summerwood Products is a majestic structure that can be used as a gazebo, home studio or spa enclosure. For more details, visit [www.summerwood.ca](http://www.summerwood.ca).



## Impressing your date: No teddy bears or superheroes

If you're serious about dating, take a good look at your home décor. Although you may not always realize it, the way you decorate your home makes a personal and revealing statement about yourself. And that is so true when it comes to bringing a date into your home for the first time.

While it is not the only factor that determines your success with that special someone, your home décor or a lack of it could spell the difference between goodbye after the first date, or a continued relationship.

It can certainly enhance your first impression, or it can break it.

Let's start off with the living room, as your date will sit in this room.

First of all, make sure the furniture isn't old or tatty.

It doesn't need to be high end, but make sure it is tidy and clean, as disorderliness and dirt doesn't turn anybody on. Clutter, as always, is a no-no, because it produces agitation rather than peacefulness.

### ArrestingDesign

Jeffrey Fisher & Tammy Schnurr



busted@arrestingdesign.com

Keep in mind that student-like digs are fine for students, but if you are a young professional and you're looking to impress the man or woman of your dreams, get rid of the beanbag chairs and blow-up furniture, and invest in a few stylish pieces that signal your more grownup status.

A few thoughtfully chosen objets d'art can be conversation starters. When you choose the piece, think about why you like it, and what it means to you.

Do not choose paintings just because the colours work — or you'll end up with what feels like a dentist's waiting room. But don't go overboard — our décor advice is that it is

better to be subtle than outrageous.

Express your personality in small ways.

The kitchen should be clean and uncluttered. And do think to stock up on some lovely treats for your date — fresh fruit, chocolate, wine or other delicacies.

And fresh flowers on a counter or a dining room table are always lovely, and will impress, believe us!

The bathroom must be spotless and uncluttered with all your grooming paraphernalia — need we say any more?

And finally, the bedroom. First of all, a bedroom should not look like a shrine to your youth.

For example, a young woman who still keeps teddy bears on her bed, and has a pink ruffled bedspread seems, well ... young.

And a young man who still has pictures of superheroes on his wall does not seem like the kind of person who is ready to take on the responsibilities of adulthood.

Mementoes of your youth, like trophies, and high school awards and the like, should be displayed in a cabinet or shelf devoted to that purpose.

But this should only be a small collection in a much larger room that has been decorated according to a larger theme or décor style.

Because you want to seem open to the idea of two rather than one, keep your decorating colours

and style gender neutral in the bedroom, rather than anything too overwhelmingly feminine (such as an all-peach and pink colour scheme, for example) or masculine (such as all dark leathers and ebony wood).

Last but certainly not least, (and you'll thank us for this) do not forget to put away pictures of former girl or boyfriends.

Tammy Schnurr and Jeffrey Fisher are hosts of Arresting Design on W Network.



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## Dance story

Pier 21 and the Flamenco Festival Atlantic are looking for stories about flamenco dance and music in Canada. The exhibit will be on display in September during the festival. METRO HALIFAX

### pride week



A scene from Another Gay Sequel: Gays Gone Wild.

## Gay movie highlight of festival

**MOVIES** Another Gay Movie was a huge hit during the 2006 Reel Out Film Festival, so Halifax Pride 2008 is screening Another Gay Sequel: Gays Gone Wild.

It is being screened at the Oxford Theatre tomorrow night. Here is a look at what else is going during the next couple of days of Halifax Pride 2008:

**TODAY:** Time Out Lecture series on gender at the Spring Garden Road Library, noon; Reading OUT Loud at the Halifax North Library, 7 p.m.; Second annual DaPride Café presented by DaPoPo Theatre at Mollyz Dinner, 7:30 p.m.

**TOMORROW:** Time Out Lecture series on human rights at the Spring Garden Road Library, noon; Ria Mae and Amelia Curran at The Foggy Goggle, 9:30 p.m.; Amy Campbell and Ana Miura at Hell's Kitchen, 10 p.m.

For more details visit [halifaxpride.com](http://halifaxpride.com). METRO HALIFAX

# Songwriting takes pride

DEAN LISK

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**It feels good, said Ryan MacGrath, to have an opportunity to blend both his worlds together.**

"A lot of times in the music community, especially in this area, there are not a lot of gay performers," said the singer-songwriter. "If they are gay, they don't tend to play it up a lot."

"It's not like they are singing about gay subject matter all the time."

MacGrath is producing the Under the Big Top: Songwriters' Showcase Pride Festival tomorrow evening, and will perform with his band, The Missing City Starlight, following the



Ryan MacGrath is producing the Under the Big Top: Songwriters' Showcase Pride Festival and will perform with his band.

Saturday's Pride Parade.

"I tend to write both types of music," said MacGrath. "Music that reaches to a wider audience and is

not exclusive, but I also write about my own experiences in the gay community — with same-sex love and relationships."

"This is a great opportunity to showcase that side of my writing."

While the post-parade show has been held in past years, this is the first time Halifax Pride will be holding a songwriter event. MacGrath said he was approached to organize the show after the success of Homos in Hell in May.

The Hell's Kitchen event saw local bands perform as part of a fundraiser for the local pride committee.

"I wanted to focus more on singer-songwriters, because there were some at Homos in Hell, but it ended up being a rock show," McGrath said.

During tomorrow's songwriter showcase, five musicians will take their turn

### more details

• The Under the Big Top: Songwriters' Showcase Pride Festival Takes place on the Garrison Grounds tomorrow from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission is a \$5 suggested donation.

on stage, performing and sharing stories. They include Amelia Curran, Tanya Davis, Erin Costello, Archie Gillis and Ryan Cook.

"This is a chance for the community to come out and see these performers, who aren't all gay, but are gay friendly," MacGrath said. "It's also a chance for their audiences to support pride events."

# Opera event strives to be accessible

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**With more than 200 applicants, and nearly 40 singers accepted into the program, Nina Scott-Stoddart is considering this year's Halifax Summer Opera Workshop a successful one.**

"I am thrilled, it is al-

most beyond my wildest dreams," said the co-founder of the month-long program. It gives singers, mostly university students, the opportunity to learn the ins and outs of performing operas.

"For many, it is their first introduction to singing a full role on stage," Scott-Stoddart said.

"Opera is one of those weird arts, were it is only be doing that you can pull together everything you have to do — its movement, acting, and you have to keep singing."

This year, the school is producing two shows, Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro — which will be presented with an English

translation projected for the audience — and Gian-Carlo Menotti's The Consul.

"It adds to the audience's enjoyment," Scott-Stoddart said about the translations. "Our thrust is to make opera accessible, not only to the students, but super accessible to our audiences."

The Consul by Gian-Carlo Menotti will be per-

### more details

• Tickets are \$5 to \$20. Call 494-3820 for details.

formed tomorrow (Fri), Monday, and next Thursday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Sir James Dunn Theatre.

Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro will be performed Saturday, Sunday and next Friday at 7:30 p.m., and next Sunday at 2:30 p.m.



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# A humble life for Canning

Broken Social Scenester says solo effort is released one year late

BRIAN TOWIE  
Metro Canada



**Though he may not have the sensationalist surrealism of Big Brother, Brendan Canning doesn't mind inviting you into his modest world.**

The bass-playing Broken Social Scene co-founder and former member of 1990s Canadian alt-rock group hHead recently finished recording his solo album, *Something for All Of Us* (release Tuesday), the second project under the Broken Social Scene Presents moniker that showcases individual work — as individual as it gets with them, anyway — from the Toronto-based indie collective's members.

Much like the group's previous side projects, BSS alumni contributions (co-founder Kevin Drew, Andrew Whiteman, Justin Peroff, Ohad Benchetrit, the gang's all here) are ubiquitous on Canning's diverse album, and in the same vein as Whiteman's *National Anthem* of *Nowhere under the Apostle of Hustle* brand, production was meticulous and slow-moving, so much so that *Something for All Of Us* came out one year late.

Canning's opus was to coincide with the release of the other existing BSS Presents title, Drew's *Spirit If...*, which dropped last September, though an earlier version of Canning's album leaked online in June.

"I've never been the greatest at making deadlines," laughs Canning, 38. "I wasn't surprised about the leak either. I just was-



Broken Social Scene co-founder Brendan Canning's solo album *Something for All Of Us* was released on Tuesday.

n't happy with the minute details of some of the songs, so I spent a lot of time touching them up for

store releases. If you got the online version, you don't get to go out to your local record store and sup-

port the music. But then, what's that all going to mean 100 years from now, really?"

**"I've never been the greatest at making deadlines ... I wasn't surprised about the leak. I just wasn't happy with the minute details of some of the songs, so I spent a lot of time touching them up for store releases."**

Musician  
Brendan Canning

But while Drew kept his effort under lock and key, Canning was quite open to revealing his process, allowing Bruce McDonald, director of 1996 mockumentary *Hard Core Logo*, into the studio to film the closing days of Canning assembling his diverse array of driving bassy undercurrents and unpretentious bangers, such as single *Hit the Wall*. Titled *The Raw Side Of Brendan Canning*, the documentary is tentatively set to air on IFC in the fall.

"It's weird having a camera crew around when you're trying to record. You get self-conscious, but Bruce and I have worked before. We're friends and he's very respectful," he said.

"I guess I could have gotten myself arrested or drugged up or angrily smashed stuff to make better television, but I let it be.

"What can I tell you? It's an unapologetic look at the humble life of a musician in the middle class suburbs."

## Anchorman sequel in the works



**MOVIES** It looks like Will Farrell and Adam McKay, the brains behind *Anchorman*, are ready to put the sexist,

freewheeling newscaster back in the anchor chair, ew.com reports.

McKay has said he and Farrell have begun work on a sequel that could jump ahead a decade to the '80s.

DreamWorks says it hasn't yet talked to the duo, but that doesn't mean Farrell and McKay aren't dreaming up new plots. "The audience will now allow us to do even crazier stuff," McKay said.

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## Hulk's son to stay in adult prison

**SENTENCE** Hulk Hogan's son Nick Bollea is set to spend the rest of his prison sentence in an adult facility, and will be transferred on his 18th birthday, according to reports.

The former wrestler's son is serving an eight-month sentence at Florida's Pinellas County Jail, after pleading no contest to a felony of reckless driving, imdb.com reports.

The teenager initially spent his first few weeks in prison in solitary confinement, but was later housed with other juveniles.

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## In brief

**VIDEO GAMES** Teen movies *Clueless*, *Mean Girls* and *Pretty In Pink* are set to hit the video game market, imdb.com reports. The games are being created by Hollywood Studio Paramount.

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## London bombings inspire movie

A film inspired by the 2005 London suicide bombings that killed 52 people explores the mistrust they stoked between communities and how Islamist radicals threatened to drown out the voice of moderate Muslims.

*Shoot on Sight*, starring Greta Scacchi, is set in the capital just after the July 7 bombings and follows the story of a Muslim police officer thrust into the lime-light when a Muslim man is mistaken for a bomber and shot dead.

Tariq Ali, played by Indian actor Naseeruddin Shah, finds himself caught

between police officers who are prejudiced against him because of his race and religion and a Muslim community that shuns him for betraying them.

"They don't trust him in the department because he is a Muslim and they don't trust him at the mosque because he is a police officer," director Jagmohan Mundhra told Reuters ahead of the film's release in Britain on Aug. 22.

"I have always admired a British society for being the most tolerant. It's not just lip service, they have actually done it.

"Then the actions of a

few suddenly start causing this chasm. It becomes us versus them, and I think all these years of blending, suddenly, in one night, comes to naught."

Mundhra, an Indian Hindu, was in London at the time of the attacks on the underground train system and a bus, and noticed how people's attitude to him changed because he was assumed by many to be a Muslim from South Asia.

Later the same month, a Brazilian man mistakenly believed to be a suicide bomber was shot dead by police.

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Left to right: Robyn McCarthy and Leslee-Ann Adamski out for a night on the town; Krista McKee and Stew Paterson at the Pogue Fado; Khephra Ahounou poses with Waycobah Chief Morley Googoo outside Mosaic on Argyle Street.

# Halifax has pride!

## HalifaxScene



**Jamie Paterson**

Halifax, you sure know how to dress...Halifax, you clean up right some good...Halifax, fashionable people. I'm testing out new slogans for the city after this past weekend of tooling around town. It seemed that everywhere I went people were dressed to the nines and looking oh, so good! And music was everywhere providing a soundtrack.

One of the first stops was to Reflections for the kick-off of Pride Week. The crowd was all about fun and thanks to the great staff at Reflections for helping me get some great photos! The bar is sure to be hopping all week long with many Pride Week events still to come. Tonight is Gay Icons Night starting at

10 p.m. It's the chance to celebrate Pride with all the anthems from the likes of Madonna, Cher, RuPaul, Cyndi Lauper, Blondie, Village People and Mariah Carey. This is usually one of the most fun evenings and not to be missed! The big parade goes Saturday and takes back Barrington Street for its 21st year. The route will also wind up Spring Garden Road to South Park, Bell Road and Ahern.

This weekend was also the kick-off to the Africville Reunion and Festival. Instead of just a weekend of camping at Seaview Park, the celebration of this historic community now stretches into an entire week. The big tent on the grounds of the park hosts live entertainment each night. Tonight, The Africville Suite is performed by Joe Sealy at Neptune Theatre. Tomorrow night is the Gala Dinner and Dance at the Westin. Sunday night will wrap up with a bang, as performers from the entire week converge on the big

tent on the grounds for the grand finale.

And then there was the music...If you were like thousands of other Haligonians who didn't get those elusive Elton John concert tickets, there was a small outlet for you Monday night at The Music Room on Lady Hammond Road. The music of Sir Elton was feted by some of the best singers and songwriters in town. Charlie A'Court, Aaron Collier (from the Jimmy Swift Band), Ian Sherwood and Canadian Idol finalist Richie Wilcox were all lending their voices.

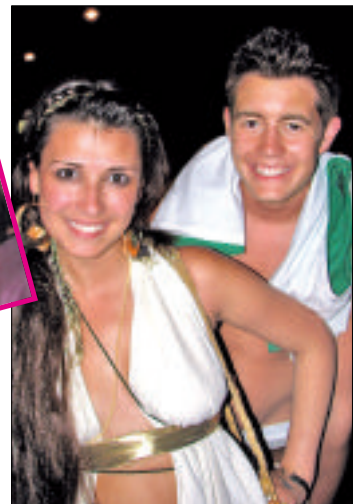
Concerts on both sides of the harbour battled for our entertainment dollar. The younger crowd spent Saturday at Z-103's Summer Rush. Nelly was the big-name attraction, but the 8,000 people who jammed Alderney Landing were just as enthusiastic for C + C Music Factory and dance crew the Jabbawockeez. My ears are still ringing from the Jesse McCartney set. If you have a pre-teen girl living in your home, you likely know all about this heartthrob and the screams he can coax from his fans just by smiling. Kinda like that other McCartney dude, you know the one who played in Quebec last weekend.

At the Garrison Grounds, it was two days of Summer Sonic featuring In Flight Safety on Saturday and Wintersleep on Sunday. The skies opened up just as the band rolled out their hit song Weighty Ghost. I won't let the rain dampen my quest for fun! See you around town!

**Jamie Paterson** would love to make a deal to cover your event for The Scene. Just e-mail me at [beatlejamie@eastlink.ca](mailto:beatlejamie@eastlink.ca).



Clockwise from top: Carolyn Funt (right) celebrates her 23rd with friend Shannon Glydon at Pogue Fado; Brad Powell removes shirt and tries to blend in with toga partier Sasha LaPierre outside the Argyle; (from left) Keltie Hatfield, Robert Doucet and Kelley Cottreau on the dance floor at Bubbles Mansion; Mehner (left) and Debbie Diamond help kick off Pride Week festivities at Reflections.



Pamela Pritchard and Sean MacDonald share a drink at Mosaic



Vanessa Croft (left), Kyle Jeremy and Christy Lane at Reflections.



## Pink to drop fresh tracks

Grammy-winning singer-songwriter Pink has announced plans to release a fifth, as-yet-untitled, studio album Oct. 28. The debut single, So What, is due out in early August. **E! NEWS ONLINE**

## music



DMX

## DMX indicted in fraud case

**COURTS** Rap star DMX has been indicted in Arizona on charges that he used a false identity to try and avoid paying medical expenses incurred during a hospital visit, prosecutors said on Tuesday.

A spokesman for the Maricopa County Attorney's office said a grand jury has charged DMX, whose real name is Earl Simmons, with one count of theft and one count of taking someone else's identity.

Mike Scerbo said the felony indictment stemmed from a visit Simmons made to the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Arizona, in April during which he gave his name as Troy Jones, allegedly to avoid paying for treatment.

The indictment is the latest in a string of tangles with the law for the 37-year-old rapper, who was nabbed by police at a Phoenix shopping mall last Saturday on a warrant. **REUTERS**

## delayed

## Oasis disc set for October release

**MUSIC** Oasis have blamed the England football team for delaying the release of their new album, female-first.co.uk reports.

Dig Out Your Soul was originally set for a summer release, but was put back to October so the band could watch the European Championships — only for England not to qualify for the finals.

"We decided to keep June, July and August free to support England in the European Championships and of course look what f—g happened," guitarist Noel Gallagher said.

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## IntelVision



WILL RETURN

## Brendan Canning

Album: Something For All Of Us

Label: Arts &amp; Crafts

Release date: July 22

Rating:

THERE'S SOME-

TIMES a fine

line between

noise and art.

Brendan Can-

ning has en-

joyed walking that line with

Toronto's Broken Social

Scene. Now he's drawing

the line a little finer with

his solo debut. He pulls it off

successfully with the help of

a strong contingent of BSS

friends such as guitarist Andrew

Whiteman and key-

boardist/bassist Kevin Drew

and singers Amy Millan and

Lisa Lobsinger. When you've

got somebody like White-

man playing guitar for you,

even the noise sounds good.

Graham Rockingham

## She &amp; Him

Album: Volume One

Label: Merge

Release date: July 22

Rating:

ACTORS HAVE

been dab-

bling in mu-

sic for

decades, but

almost no one

has done it as well as Al-

most Famous actress



## CD Reviews

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Zoëy Deschanel. Playing under the moniker She & Him, Deschanel teams up with Merge's M. Ward and together they've create a stunning alt-country debut. This is Not A Test is one of the best songs here — it sounds straight out of '70s Nashville — but some of the duo's covers, including The Beatles' I Should Have Known Better, are interesting as well. Russell Crowe better be taking notes.

Bryan Borzykowski

## Dr. Dog

Album: Fate

Label: Park the Van Records

Release date: July 22

Rating:

PHILADELPHIA'S

DR. DOG

displays a fasci-

nating meld of

influences on

Fate. The

quirky vocal harmonies and

unique instrumentation on

this 11-track disc sometimes

harken back to Big Pink-era

The Band. In some ways,

Fate is defined by Zach

Miller's old-west piano

stylings. Not that it's all

throwback or country —

the funky touches come as a



welcome surprise, and quite naturally. And who knew strings could swing? **Jim Reyno**

## Black Kids

Album: Partie Traumatic

Label: Red Ink/Sony BMG

Release date: July 22

Rating:

THE BUZZ

around Jack-

sonville's

Black Kids has

been steadily

growing since their

CMJ appearance last

year, but it's only now that

all the hype gets put to the

test. Fortunately, their de-

but disc delivers. Partie

Traumatic is an uplifting,

frenetic rock record that

recalls '80s-influenced boy-

girl bands like the GO

Team! and The Ting Tings.

While the disc isn't perfect

— it's a bit too heavy on the

synth — its infectious

hooks and energetic song-

writing should impress

even the most jaded indie

rock fans. **Bryan Borzykowski**

## Buddy Guy

Album: Skin Deep

Label: Silvertone/Zomba

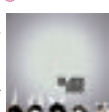
/Sony BMG

Release date: July 22

Rating:

BUDDY GUY IS pretty much

the greatest living practi-



tioner of electric blues guitar in the world (I use the qualifier "pretty much" out of respect to B.B. King fans). There's only a few who come close, including Eric Clapton, Derek Trucks and Robert Randolph. Luckily all three are featured on Guy's latest guitar feast, Skin Deep. The duet with Clapton on Every Time I Sing The Blues is spine-tling good. **Graham Rockingham**

## The Midway State

Album: Holes

Label: Remedy/EMI

Release date: July 22

Rating:

WHINY EMO-

TIVE pop-rock

from Montre-

al that's sure

to capture the

hearts of first-

year college kids about to

leave first loves behind for

a new life on campus.

There's strong craft be-

neath the derivative

goop, however, and the

voice of Nathan Fer-

raro is strangely ap-

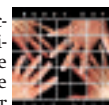
pealing. That may be

just enough to set

this foursome apart

from the radio pap.

There's five or six



tracks on this album that are guaranteed to garner a lot of downloads. **Graham Rockingham**

## Miley Cyrus

Album: Breakout

Label: Hollywood Records

Release date: July 22

Rating:

HAVE YOU EVER

wanted to

just ... break-

out! Have you

ever felt like,

I don't know,

doing your homework af-

ter supper instead of im-

mediately when you get

home from school? Such is

the good-girl angst of Mi-

ley Cyrus. The 15-year-old

megastar co-wrote eight of

the 12 tracks on Breakout

— inoffensive and forget-

table kiddie pop, edgy like

sugared cereal. Cyrus has

the pipes, though.

She's said she

wants to grow

up with her

audience,

and she

just

might. **Jim Reyno**

Miley Cyrus

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## critics' corner

## Year of the Dog

Anyone who's ever had a beloved pet knows how devastating its death can be. In this 2007 dramedy, Molly Shannon stars as Peggy, a single woman whose life revolves around her dog. When he unexpectedly dies, she's at a loss. 12 AM on M1



## The Professionals

Bring me back my wife! J.W. Grant (Ralph Bellamy) is a rich man, but he doesn't have a wife ... at least not in the vicinity. She's been kidnapped, and it'll take a special breed of man to retrieve her. So Grant hires four mercenaries to bring his wife home. Claudia Cardinale, Lee Marvin, Bud Lancaster, Robert Ryan, Woody Strode and Jack Palance also star in this 1966 Western. 8 PM on PIX

## Fear Itself

Home not-so-sweet home. A couple (Brandon Routh, Shiri Appleby) who recently moves thinks they have found the perfect idyllic neighborhood. What they don't realize is just how far the other residents will go to keep up appearances. Written by Kelly Kennermer, the new episode "Community" also stars John Billingsley and Bonita Friedericy. 11 PM on NBC

	HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
7/24/08	31	31	31	ABC	News (N)	ABC Wild News	Inside Edition	Chronicle	Ugly Betty (HDTV)		Grey's Anatomy		Hopkins
	7	7	7	ASN	Twice in a Lifetime	Wheel-Of-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Ugly Betty (HDTV)		Grey's Anatomy		The Collector	
	11	11	11	CBC	22 Minutes	Countdown to	MLS Soccer Pepsi All-Star Game	MLS All-Stars vs. West Ham United.			CBC News: The National		
	2	2	2	CBC-F	Providence (SC)		Des squelettes	La Mosquée	Perdus "La Cabane" (SC)	Bons baisers de France (SC)	Le Téléjournal		
	32	32	32	CBS	News (N)	Evening News	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Greatest American Dog	CSI: Crime Scene Investgtn.	Swingtown (N)		
	69	69	69	CFMT	TVA 18 heures	Sûcré-salé	Les Gags	Jerry, souffre-douleur ** (1964, Comédie)		Héros "Mauvaises rencontres"	TVA 22 heures		
	6	6	6	CHFF	Entertainment	ET Canada	Swingtown "Puzzlerama"	Last Comic Standing (N)			News (N)		
	9	9	9	CJCH	eTalk	Jeopardy! (N)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	CSI: Crime Scene Investgtn.	So You Think You Can Dance	EastLink Television		News (N)	
	10	10	10	ELTV	(6) EastLink Television			Podium TV					
	36	36	36	FOX	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	TwoHalf Men	TwoHalf Men	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?	So You Think You Can Dance		Fox First	
prime time	12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Hollywood	Extra (N)	Last Comic Standing (N)			Fear Itself (N)	
	29	29	29	NW	BBC World	Business	CBC News	Our World	The Hour	CBC News: The National	Nature-Things		
	4	4	4	PBS-B	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Greater Boston	Basic Black	Basic Black	Chasing Churchill: In Search	Cousteau: Ocean Adventures	Cousteau-Adv.		
	38	38	38	PBS-D	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Business Rpt.	BBC World	BBC World	This Old Hse. Hometime	Ask This Old	Michigan	The War	
	68	68	68	TOS	Les Simpson	L'été est Flash	Avec Albert	Campings	Le Dernier bou-scout *** (1991, Action)	Bruce Willis.		110 pour cent	
	23	96	96	BNN	Stars & Dogs	Business News		Market Call	Strictly Legal	Boom Oil	Taking Stock	Market Call	
	18	18	18	CNN	(5) The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Election Center	CNN Presents: Black in America			
	54	54	54	GOLF	Post Game	LPGA Tour Golf	Evian Masters -- First Round. From France.	PGA Tour Golf	RBC Canadian Open -- First Round. (HDTV)				
	52	52	52	RSE	Prime Time Sports		European Poker Tour	World Combat League	Best Damn Sports Show	Sportsnet Con.			
	55	55	55	SCOR	Drive This	Game On	Stump-Schwab	Stump-Schwab	Poker Aussie Millions	Hardcore Champ. Fight	Score Update		
news	45	45	45	SPD	Unique Whips		Pinks (HDTV)	Pass Time (N)	Pinks -- All Out	(HDTV) (N)		Wrecked (N)	
	53	53	53	TSN	Off the Record	SportsCentre	Boxing	CFL Pregame	CFL Football Calgary Stampers at Winnipeg Blue Bombers.				
	43	43	43	FAM	Zone 101	Life Derek	That's-Raven	Smart Guy	Zack & Cody	Natural-Sadie	Han. Montana	Life Derek	
	44	44	44	TOON	Eleen	Johnny Test	George-Jungle	Merrie Melody	Loonatics	6teen	Total Drama	Futura	
	26	26	26	TREE	Fifi-Floortrots	Backyardigans	Ni Hao, Kai-Lan	Night Grdn	The Wiggles	Franklin	Little Bear	Miss Spider	
	27	27	27	YTV	Drake & Josh	H2O, Just Add	Malcolm-Mid.	Prank Patrol	Fries That?	Futura	Prank Patrol	Mystery Hnt.	
	16	16	16	A&E	Cold Case Files		CSI: Miami "Wannabe"		The First 48 (HDTV)		The First 48 (HDTV)	The First 48	
	70	70	70	APTN	First Talk	News	Overseas Leg.	From the Spirit	Canadian Geographic	Smoke From His Fire		The Mix	
	50	50	50	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live (N)			Heil Date	Black Carpet	DewMocracy	Never 2 Big ** (1998, Crime Drama)		
	37	37	37	BRVO	Street Legal		From the Spirit	In the Mind ...	Runaway Jury *** (2003, Suspense) John Cusack, Gene Hackman.				
sports	97	97	97	CLT	Help TV		The West Wing		Recipe for Revenge (1998, Crime Drama), Alex Carter			Traders	
	25	25	25	CMT	Ultimate "Legends"			Beyond Chance	Reba	Hope & Faith	Home Improve.		
	49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comics!	Air Force	22 Minutes	Laughs	Rick Mercer	The Simpsons	South Park	
	153	153	153	COURT	Truth, Duty, Valour		On Trial	Texas SWAT	The Practice	Psychic Detect	Cops Uncut	Investigators	
	38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Daily Planet (N)		UFO Stories	UFO Stories		MythBusters	
	34	48	48	HGTV	Holmes on Homes		House Hunters	Property Virgin	Holmes on Homes (N)	The Fix	Disaster DIY	Junk Brothers	
	46	46	46	HIST	Disaster-Cent.	Masterminds	NCIS "Mind Games"		Bloody Italy		Bloody Christmas - Ortona	NCIS	
	17	17	17	MM	Punk'd	Instant Star	Instant Star	Born to Be	Muchmusic Countdown		Instant Star	Instant Star	
	19	19	19	MMM	MusicalProfile	mmmtop10.com	Back In...Love	Canadian Idol		Canadian Idol	Uncovered	Celebraca	
	201	201	201	M1	The Butterfly Effect 2		(8:15) Dead at 17 (2008, Drama) Barbara Niven.		Cycling Tour of France Stage 18.		Death at a Funeral (2007, Comedy-Drama)		
family	23	23	23	OLN	Don't Forget Your Passport		Departures "Canada"		Van Helsing *** (2004, Fantasy) Hugh Jackman, Kate Beckinsale.				
	51	51	51	PEACH	Friends	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Family Guy					
	206	206	206	PIX	(6:25) White Lies		The Professionals *** (1966, Western) Lee Marvin.		The Fifth Element (1997, Science Fiction)				
	67	67	67	RDI	RDI en direct (SC)		RDI en direct	400 fois Qué	Grands reportages (SC)	Le Téléjournal (SC)		RDI en direct	
	39	39	39	SHOW	Trailer Park	Billable Hours	ReGenesis "Talk to Him"		Intelligence	G-Spot	Exes & Ohs	Secret Diary	
	40	40	40	SLICE	Skin Deep	Opening Hours	End of Leash	Til Debt-Part	Rich Bride, Poor Bride	Last 10	Bulging Brides	Biggest Loser	
	47	47	47	SPACE	Relic Hunter		Stargate SG-1		Star Trek: Voyager		The Triangle "Part Two" (Part 2 of 3)		
	14	14	14	SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Investgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Investgtn.		TNA IMPACT! (N)		
	98	98	98	STAR	Star at Movies	Star Treatment	Look-A-Like	Hollywood	TMZ (N)	eTalk	Katie & Peter: Next Chapter	Tonight Show	
	21	21	21	TLC	What Not to Wear		La Ink (HDTV)		Overhaul'n' (HDTV)		American Chopper (HDTV) (N)	Miami Ink (N)	
cable variety	56	34	34	TROP	Tube Tales	Vanity Insanity	Inside Hollywood (DVS)		ET Canada	What Happen?	Family Guy	Seinfeld	
	20	20	20	TVS	Que-champion	Journal de Fr2	Toute une histoire		On n'est pas couché			Partir	
	28	28	28	V	Emily of Moon New		Murder, She Wrote		May-December	Keeping Up	Islam in China	Bring It Beijing	
	22	22	22	W	Shopping Bags	House	Will & Grace	Friends	Divine Design	Confidential	Save Us-House	Open House	
	251	251	251	WGN	My Wife-Kids	Accordim-Jing	TwoHalf Men	Family Guy	Smallville Hero' (HDTV)		Supernatural (HDTV)	WGN News	





Author J.K. Rowling says she regrets she never told her mother about her famous creation, Harry Potter. Rowling began work on her tales of the apprentice wizard six months before her mother Anne, who had multiple sclerosis, died. **BBC NEWS ONLINE**

## Celebrity Buzz

# Barrymore may still love her ex

### FEELINGS FOR THE EX

Drew Barrymore is still in love with her ex-boyfriend, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

The actress, who recently split from her latest suitor Justin Long, reportedly initiated the break-up because she couldn't stop thinking about former lover, The Strokes drummer Fabrizio Moretti.

"Drew just couldn't get Fabrizio out of her mind," a source said. "She says Justin was great, but what she had with him just wasn't as strong."

Barrymore, who dated the rocker for five years, has remained in contact with Moretti since they separated and reportedly feels ready to settle down and start a family.

with him.

The source added to National Enquirer magazine: "Drew told me, 'I want kids, and I want them pretty soon, and the more I am away from Fabrizio, the more I realize he is the one.'" **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



# Winehouse wants 5 kids

**BABIES** Amy Winehouse has revealed she wants at least five children and twins, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports. The singer insists she and husband Blake Fielder-Civil, who this week was sentenced to 27 months in prison for grievous bodily harm and perverting the course of justice, are ready to start their family.

"I love kids," she said. "To be honest, I think kids have got a lot more going on than adults. They've got their heads screwed on a lot

better. Blake and I can't wait to have kids. I want at least five kids, and I want twins. Blake is going to be the most amazing dad. When Blake was about we talked about it all the time. We'd like to have identical twins. Blake had a dream that we had a girl who was dark like me. I had a dream that I had one older, like 18 months, dark like me and identical twin babies." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



### Locklear back home

**TREATMENT** After successfully completing four weeks of treatment for anxiety and depression, Heather Locklear is back home, *People.com* reports.

"Heather's feeling really great," says a close friend. "And she looks beautiful, just radiant."

While the actress' recovery is "a work in progress," Locklear seems rejuvenated by her month away, says the friend. "She told a really funny story and she laughed

from her core," says the pal, who has seen Locklear since she returned home last weekend.

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# Wentz gets fatherly advice

**PREP** Pete Wentz has been taking fatherhood advice from his dad and father-in-law, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

The Fall Out Boy rocker and new wife Ashlee Simpson are expecting their first child together and Pete has been talking to Joe Simpson and his pop Pete to make sure he is fully prepared for the arrival. He told OK! magazine: "I'm reading all the books. The best one I've read so far is The Expectant Father."

"I'm talking to my dad a lot. I'm talking to Ashlee's dad a lot. We hang out with other people who have kids. You see the world in a different way. It's exciting."

The bassist also spoke about his friends' response to the pregnancy.

"My friends are all really excited for me," he added. "Our drummer Andy Hurley was the first to respond to anything. I sent out the email for my wedding and Andy responded seven minutes later like, 'I'll be there and these are the sizes of my clothes.'" **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



# Maggie Gyllenhaal reads no evil

**MEDIA** Maggie Gyllenhaal has vowed never to read articles printed about her, in a bid to protect herself from harsh media criticism, *imdb.com* reports. "The amount of scrutiny can be unbearable," she said. "It's sometimes really hurtful."

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### celebrity briefs

#### 'Supermodel' is overused: Naomi

**TITLE** Model Naomi Campbell has hit out at the current batch of "super-models," insisting Gisele Bündchen was the last runway queen to deserve the title, *imdb.com* reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



#### Memoirs postponed for Downey Jr.

**TELL-ALL** Robert Downey Jr. has returned the advance on his memoirs after postponing plans for a tell-all, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



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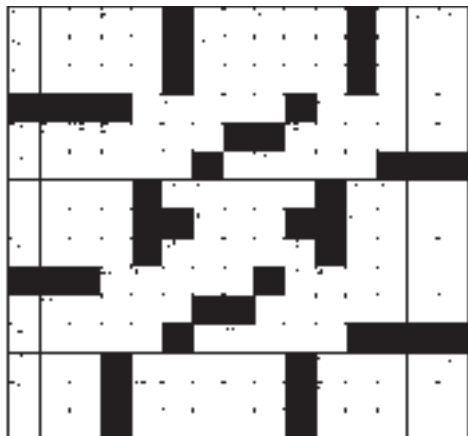
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**Dudek expecting**

Former House actress Anne Dudek, right, is expecting her first child with artist husband Matthew Heller. She showed off her bump for the first time at the premiere of Season 2 of her new show *Mad Men* in Los Angeles recently. [IMDB.COM](http://IMDB.COM)

**Take Five****Crossword down**

- 1 Phooey!
- 2 Oklahoma town
- 3 Not hither
- 4 California fort
- 5 Open a letter
- 6 Tea container
- 7 Jai —
- 8 City on the Tiber
- 9 Taunting cry
- 10 Bluegrass strings
- 11 Claws or talons
- 12 Dark
- 13 Makes hay
- 21 Remnant
- 23 Be bolder, maybe
- 24 Express alternative
- 25 Milan's land
- 26 Steel additive
- 27 Circular rooms
- 28 Lehrer or Carrey
- 30 Fun-loving
- 31 Klutzes
- 34 Burma neighbor
- 36 Busch Gardens city
- 37 Lagoon maker
- 38 Grabs
- 43 Cached
- 44 Fencing sword
- 47 Regardless
- 49 Sophisticated
- 50 Reflection
- 51 Farmer, at times
- 52 Sings "Rock-a-Bye Baby"
- 53 Mop up
- 55 Crocus "bulb"
- 56 East, in Spain
- 59 Furrow maker
- 61 Kegler's target
- 62 Whodunit herring
- 63 Sherbet
- 64 Went first

**Crossword across**

- 1 Marshy inlet
- 6 Chocolate substitute
- 11 Gist
- 14 Beautify
- 15 Luau welcome
- 16 Miscellany
- 17 Clock parts
- 18 Pythias' friend
- 19 Feeling lousy
- 20 Arsenio's buddy
- 22 Pretty in Paris
- 24 Place for books
- 28 Medieval combats
- 29 Filmdom's Lawrence
- 30 Like a good cake
- 32 Supermarket amenity
- 33 Flash
- 35 RBI or ERA
- 39 Matty of the diamond
- 40 Playful bark
- 41 Cheerio! (hyph.)
- 42 Vanessa's sister
- 43 Mustang or pinto
- 45 Out of control
- 46 Common wildflower
- 48 "— People Eater"
- 50 Gas-pump platform
- 53 Breakfast foods
- 54 Timid
- 55 Glitterati member

**This day in history**

**JULY 24, 1567:** Mary Queen of Scots is deposed and replaced by her 1-year-old son James VI.  
**JULY 24, 1967:** During an official state visit to Canada, French President Charles de Gaulle declares to a crowd of over 100,000 in Montreal: "Vive le Québec libre!" (Long live free Quebec). The statement, interpreted as support for Quebec independence, delighted many Quebecers but angered the Canadian government and many English Canadians.  
**JULY 24, 1974:** Watergate Scandal: The United States Supreme Court unanimously ruled that President Richard Nixon did not have the authority to withhold subpoenaed White House tapes and they order him to surrender the tapes to the Watergate special prosecutor.

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Do it daily.

- 57 Hole puncher
- 58 — turn is it?
- 60 One of twelve
- 65 Congeal
- 66 Major artery
- 67 Brother's child
- 68 Hosp. areas
- 69 Gulf nation
- 70 Done with

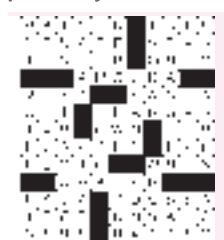
**STICKELERS**  
Starry Sticklers

Using four 4's only and any math symbols and/or operations, can you come up with the answer of 64? A square root sign is acceptable.

Here's one answer:

$$4! + (4 \times 4) = 64$$

Can you find at least one other answer?

**previous day's answer****previous day's answer**

2	8	9	1	5	7	3	4	6
6	5	3	9	8	4	7	1	2
4	1	7	6	3	2	5	9	8
5	2	1	4	7	6	9	8	3
3	6	8	5	2	9	4	7	1
9	7	4	8	1	3	6	2	5
1	3	5	7	4	8	2	6	9
7	9	2	3	6	1	8	5	4
8	4	6	2	9	5	1	3	7

**SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:**

Under 13 ..... Genius  
 13-17 ..... Scholar  
 17-21 ..... Smart

21-25 ..... Not bad  
 25+ ..... Keep practicing

**Horoscopes****AVATAR VENUS****ARIES****MARCH 21-APRIL 20**

An unfair situation will be revealed. Self-indulgence will have a certain appeal. Allow yourself to develop stronger willpower.

**TAURUS****APRIL 21-MAY 21**

Adjustments will have to be made. A lost object is under a car. Be ready for shocking disclosures. Gossip will clarify strange reactions.

**GEMINI****MAY 22-JUNE 21**

Socializing will get complicated. A false story wipes out some plans. Don't get bent out of shape over a fiasco.

**CANCER****JUNE 22-JULY 22**

A lucky occasion arises for a heart in waiting. Bad timing causes a woman to spill the beans. A better place will be found for you.

**LEO****JULY 23-AUG 23**

An embarrassment is diminished by a cheerful player. A visitor makes a scary mistake. Old folks are stunned by false friends.

**VIRGO****AUG 24-SEPT 22**

An odd friend will get down and dirty. You'll find peace of mind in a bad state of affairs. Your friendships will bring good luck.

**LIBRA****SEPT 23-OCT 23**

Be gracious to someone who needs your support. All will go well if you give it a chance. Plan to meet and meddle with the right person.

**SCORPIO****OCT 24-NOV 22**

Follow your dreams to make things right. An offer is made and refused. An idiotic scandal breaks out due to obedience.

**SAGITTARIUS****NOV 23-DEC 21**

An adventure will give you giggles. An obstacle will be triumphed over. A humane visitor will give you some bizarre advice.

**CAPRICORN****DEC 22-JAN 20**

Bondage to a bad habit can be broken. When boredom sets in, you'll wish you had a hobby. Be prudent, cautious, and brave.

**AQUARIUS****JAN 21-FEB 18**

Someone's passion causes euphoria. All will be well between new partners. A love chat flourishes despite shyness.

**PISCES****FEB 19-MAR 20**

A defiant person will be punished. Dedicate yourself to eating in moderation. A lover's quarrel will be blown out of proportion.

1		7	8			
8	3				5	6
	4		2		1	
	9		3	5		1
		3			4	
2			4	6		9
		9		7		2
6	5				1	7
		4		3		5

**Halifax weather****Afternoon**

Variable.  
24°

**Tonight**

Variable.  
17°

**Friday**

Showers.  
25° / 17°

**Saturday**

Showers.  
24° / 18°



Variable.  
23° / 18°

The Weather Network  
theweathernetwork.com

**Temperature Normals**  
 High: 22.1°  
 Low: 13.7°

**Records**  
 High: 29.7°/1991  
 Low: 7.2°/1962

Sunrise: 5:52 a.m.  
 Sunset: 8:48 p.m.  
 Moonset: 12:46 p.m.  
 Moonrise: 11:27 p.m.

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